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SUBJECT: SOVIET THREAT TO BERLIN AIR CORRIDORS

THE SOVIETS HAVE THREATENED WESTERN AIR ACCESS TO WEST BERLIN. IF WEST GERMANY OPENS A FEDERAL ENVIRONMENT OFFICE IN THE CITY. THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO EAST GERMANY HAS TOLD AMBASSADOR HILLENBRAND THAT THE OFFICE WOULD VIOLATE THE QUADRIPARTITE AGREEMENT AND WOULD BE A FOOT IN THE DOOR FOR OTHER OFFICIAL WEST GERMAN ACTIVITY IN WEST BERLIN.

SOVIET DIPLOMATS HAVE BEEN TAKING SUCH A LINE FOR SOME TIME. BUT UNTIL NOW THERE HAVE BEEN NO REAL THREATS. INDEED, THERE HAS BEEN A HINT OF GIVE IN THE SOVIET POSITION, BASED ON RECEIPT OF ALLIED ASSURANCES THAT BOMM WOULD BE ALLOWED TO OPEN NO MORE OFFICES IN WEST BERLIN.

WEST GERMAN NEGOTIATOR EGON BAHN, WHO HAS BEEN ONLY LUXEMBURG

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ABOUT ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE IN WEST BERLIN. IS NOW IN MOSCOW
MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR A VISIT BY CHANCELLOR BRANDT. HE IS
LIKELY TO COME HOME WITH A CLARIFICATION OF SOVIET DEMANDS. E2

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